

Here are a few new things to try!

1. Need an interactive whiteboard? For about \$60.00 you can have one. All you need is a wii remote, an infrared pen, and a free opensource software. Attached to today's email you will find a pdf that gives you the instructions and the links to create an interactive whiteboard. I haven't tried this but I'd like to hear from any one who has or does in the future.

2. Have you ever thought about using a Wii in your classroom? You can use the Wii channel to sort mii's by characteristics, use them for writing prompts, use the weather channel to track weather in a specific place and the everybody votes channel to look at the daily poll and use the results for a science/ social studies discussion starter. There are also games that would work in a classroom setting. Some of these include:

- Big Brain Academy – A great game that allows kids to solve problems, do math, imagine spatial relationships, predicting, number sense

- Smarty Pants – Trivia Pursuit type game which allows you to set the age level. It does a great job of adapting to individual kids and their abilities by asking age appropriate questions.

- My Word Coach – Focuses on word structure and definitions, etc.

- Endless Ocean & • African Safari – Can be used to teach habitat, species adaption, structure functions, types of animals, food chain, research, problem solving, statistics & probability, longitude & latitude, encourage writing

3. Photovisi: Do students ever need to create a photo with multiple pictures to document a science experiment, field trip, or special learning? Photovisi is a free and easy to use online tool to create photo

collages. Select one of the many collage templates, add your photos and then customize by dragging items around. After the collage is finished, it's available for download and print!

4. Need Help?: eInstruction is hosting a series of webinars to provide you with continued support on their software and technology. Attendance is free. Please review the schedule below and find the topics that interest you, then register for the webinar of your choice. Each webinar is scheduled for 1 hour on the following dates at 1pm PST (2pm MST, 3pm CST, 4pm EST).

Mon. 11/22/2010—Engaging ExamView® questions with CPS™ through Workspace™

Mon. 12/6/2010—Adding Content to the Workspace™ Gallery

<https://sites.google.com/site/einstructiontraining/>

5. Don't forget that we are looking for new members to participate in 21st Century Learning training. If you are interested in participating, complete your application and have your building administrator forward it to Mrs. Ozment by Wednesday.

Have a great weekend!!